

IN THE DRAWINGS

Each of Figures 7-10 has been provided with the legend --PRIOR ART-, as shown on the Replacement Sheets attached hereto.

REMARKS:

In the Office Action dated August 24, 2005, the Examiner required designating each of Figures 7-10 with the legend --PRIOR ART--. Replacement sheets on which Figures 7-10 are present are attached hereto wherein that change has been made.

Claims 15-27 were allowed, and claims 28-40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite because of language that was omitted from claim 28. Claim 28 has been amended to include language consistent with the language used at the same location in claim 15, and claim 28, and the claims depending therefrom, are therefore submitted to be in full compliance with all provisions of §112, second paragraph.

The Examiner did not indicate whether claims 28-40 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the aforementioned rejection under §112, second paragraph. The difference between independent claim 15 and independent claim 28 is that in claim 15, the center layer of the three-layer system is a full foam layer, and the inner layer is a partial foam layer. In claim 28, it is the center layer that is a partial foam layer, and the innermost layer is a full foam layer.

Applicants therefore submit that claims 28-40 are allowable over the prior art of record for the same reasons that caused the Examiner to allow claims 15-27.

All claims of the application are therefore submitted to be in condition for allowance, and early reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

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